Releasing WPI data on weekly basis

†1383. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to release the inflation data based on wholesale price index on monthly basis instead of weekly basis;

(b) if so, the reasons for this change;

(c) whether it is a fact that these data do not reflect the true picture of the inflation as they are based on producer price;

(d) the category along with the total weightage to be given to them in totalling these data; and

(e) the difficulty in releasing the inflation data based on retail price to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) switched over to a monthly release from October, 2009 and first Press Release based on monthly frequency covering WPI for the month of October, 2009 was issued on November 14, 2009. A weekly release of WPI for primary articles and commodities in the broad group "fuel, power, light and lubricants" is, however, maintained. Besides being a widely followed practice, monthly release of WPI is expected to improve response and its monitoring. Further, most of the countries are presently following the system of monthly release of the price data.

(c) and (d) WPI has a wider commodity basket consisting of consumer goods, intermediates, basic goods and capital goods. With its unique system of weights which are assigned on the basis of turnover, WPI is an economy wide measure of price changes. The current series of WPI with base year 1993-94 is based on 1918 quotations covering 435 commodities. The details of commodities and their weights in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) [Base: 1993-94 = 100] is given below:

Description	Weight (%)
1	2
All Commodities	100.00
I. Primary articles	22.02
Food Articles	15.40
Non- Food Articles	6.14
Minerals	0.48
II. Fuel, Power, Light & Lubricants	14.23
Coking Coal	1.75
Mineral Oils	6.99
Electricity	5.48

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III. Manufactured Products	63.75
Food Products	11.54
Beverages, Tobacco & Tobacco Products	1.34
Textiles	9.80
Wood & Wood Products	0.17
Paper & Paper Products	2.04
Leather & Leather Products	1.02
Rubber & Plastic products	2.39
Chemicals & Chemical Products	11.93
Non-metallic Mineral Products	2.52
Basic Metals, Alloys & Metal Products	8.34
Machinery & Machine Tools	8.36
Transport, Equipment & Parts	4.29

(e) Presently, retail prices are taken into account in the Consumer group specific consumer price indices for industrial Workers, Agricultural and Rural Labourers and Urban Non-Manual Employees to provide a measure of inflation.

Rehabilitation of people relocated from SEZs

1384. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of people who have been relocated from designated or proposed Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country during the last three years till date;

(b) the number of people relocated during the above period and the number of people proposed to be relocated from such SEZs in near future, State-wise;

(c) the details of standard rehabilitation policy of Government for such people; and

(d) the money allocated, spent or proposed to be spent on the job by the Union Government and the respective State Governments, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Land is a State subject. Land for SEZs is procured as per the policy and procedures of the respective State Governments. As per the current policy, the Board of Approval does not approve any SEZs, where the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs after 8th April, 2007.

Insofar as relief and rehabilitation package for any affected person is concerned, these vary from State to State depending upon the provisions of the State policies. The Ministry of Rural Development has come out with the revised National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 07.